FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

On September 25, 2006, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) closed the public comment period to consider changes to the State Housing Law (Title 25, Div. 1, Ch. 1, Subch. 1, Art. 3, §16.) Written comments were received from Timothy P. McCormick, Tom Whisler and Gerald R. Gibbs.

UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS (Incorporated by Reference)

SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE INITIAL NOTICE PERIOD OF AUGUST 2, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25, 2006.

1. Comment EM-1: Timothy P. McCormick, P.E. & C.B.O. Building Officer
City of Santa Monica, CA

Mr. McCormick expressed support of the change to Section 16 as proposed.

HCD's response: HCD appreciates Mr. McCormick's support on behalf of the City of Santa Monica.

2. Comment EM-2: Tom Whisler Santa Clara, CA

Mr. Whisler commented that the Santa Clara Building Inspection Office has no objection to the amendment of Section 16 regarding permit exemptions.

HCD's response: HCD appreciates the support provided by Mr. Whisler on behalf of the Santa Clara Building Inspection Office.

3. Comment EM-3: Gerald R. Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs commented that the amendment to Section 16 appears to be very appropriate and rational.

HCD's response: HCD appreciates Mr. Gibbs' support.

<u>NOTE</u>: As a result of comments received, no changes were made to the regulatory text of Section 16; however, in preparing the Final Express Terms, HCD staff made the following editorial correction to the Reference citation: underlined the 's' in Sections, showed existing Section 17951 (a previous printing error) in strike-out, and underlined corrected Section 17921 and new cite re Section 17922.

ALTERNATIVES DETERMINATION

HCD has determined that no alternative would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulations.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The proposed regulations do not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts.